

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8 with the following:

- the external diameters of the pipes are ~~is~~ increased by the additional water volume by .2-.3% ~~2-3 per thousand;~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5 with the following:

Fig. 1 shows a pipe 1 which is being subjected to an internal pressure test. For this purpose, the pipe 1 is placed onto two support points 2, 3 and is closed at both ends 4, 5 with conically shaped tensioning elements 6, 7. Water is pumped by a pump 9 into the interior 10 of the pipe 1 through an opening 8 in the tensioning element 6 and the pipe 1 is subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test.